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ATSDR's partner, the Tennessee Department of Health's (TDH) Environmental Epidemiology Program (EEP) teamed up with EPA and TDEC for public meetings to inform local residents why cleanup was needed in neighborhoods near the Chattanooga Foundries where heavy metals were found. EEP also teamed up with ATSDR staff to go door-to-door in a neighborhood that was particularly vulnerable to provide information on protecting themselves from lead exposure. EEP also held a soilSHOP at a public elementary school in conjunction with Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. EEP collaborated with the TDH Director of Family Health and Wellness, the local health department, and ATSDR to issue a letter to local physicians encouraging blood-lead testing of children in Chattanooga. This letter appears to have yielded an increase in inquiries about blood-lead testing by physicians in Chattanooga.